

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants to showcase your talent and your vision of your local environment by displaying your artwork in our new Caribbean Environmental Protection Division office. Create an oil painting, watercolor, mosaic, graphic design, or photograph representing one of the following local, environmental themes: rainforest, karst, reef, trade winds.**

**The winning entries will be displayed in the new LEED-certified office space and the winning artists will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening gala for the new space.**

**WHO can enter?** The contest is open to high school and college students who are residents of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Students must be U.S. citizens or legal residents to enter. EPA employees, contractors, SEE employees and their immediate family members may enter, but are not eligible to win.

**WHAT can you submit?** Oil painting, water color, mosaic, graphic design, or photograph, no smaller than 24 x 36 inches and no larger than 48 x 60 inches

**WHEN is the deadline?** Entries must be received or postmarked by February 29, 2012.

**WHERE to send entries?** Send completed artwork to the EPA address on the entry form.

The artwork will be judged by a panel of environmental professionals, local artists and art scholars.

## Contest Rules

Your entry is not complete until you fill out the [contest entry form](#). Please sign and secure the entry form to your piece. Your artwork will not be included in judging if you have not completed the entry form. The contest winner will be notified in March 2012.

Please contact Sandra Badillo at (787) 977-5826 or Myrek Nunez at (787) 977-5808 if you have any questions.

- You must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident to enter and win. EPA employees, contractors, or grantees and their immediate family members may enter, but are not eligible to win.
- Entrants must complete the [contest entry form](#) and provide valid contact information.
- The contest entry form must be SIGNED and attached to entry.
- Entries will be judged by an expert panel on the basis of creativity and originality, quality, and theme. EPA reserves the right to not select a winner if none of the entries received are judged to be high quality based on the above criteria.
- The artwork must be your own original creation. No copyrighted music, video, or images may be used.
- Your artwork must not infringe on any third party rights.
- By submitting artwork to this contest, you grant to EPA a royalty-free license to copy, distribute, modify, display and perform publicly and otherwise use, and authorize others to use, your artwork for any educational purpose throughout the world and in any media.
- EPA will disqualify any entries it deems to contain offensive material.
- Entries must be received or postmarked by, **February 29, 2012**. The winner will be notified via e-mail or phone and announced on the contest Web site in November.
- Entrants must agree to these terms and conditions, or the agreement of a legal guardian must be obtained if the entrant is a minor.

If you wish to submit your photograph or graphic design electronically, please sign and attach the entry form as well as your artwork in pdf format to: [Reyes.Brenda@epa.gov](mailto:Reyes.Brenda@epa.gov)

If you are selected as a finalist you may be asked to send your artwork by mail for further judging.

## **Privacy Policy**

Personal information collected from video submitters to the Caribbean Environmental Protection Art Competition will never be sold. The information collected for this contest will only be used to contact artwork submitters in direct relation to the contest.

The contest winners' names (and the names of any honorable mentions EPA may select) will be announced publicly, after consultation with the winner and any honorable mentions, as a part of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Art Competition award recognition process.

All personal information collected through the Contest Web site will be destroyed within 6 months of the conclusion of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Art Competition.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Can I mail my entry electronically?

A: If you wish to submit your photograph or graphic design electronically, please sign and attach the entry form as well as your artwork in pdf format to: [Reyes.Brenda@epa.gov](mailto:Reyes.Brenda@epa.gov). If you are selected as a finalist you may be asked to send your artwork by mail for further consideration.

Q: Why do I need to include a school contact?

A: In the event that you are selected as a finalist, your school will be contacted to verify that you are a student. You may use any faculty or administration member as your school contact.

Q: What constitutes "immediate family?"

A: "Immediate family members" shall include spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, and grandchildren, whether as "in-laws", or by current or past marriage, remarriage, adoption, co-habitation or other familial extension, and any other persons residing at the same household location, whether or not related.

THIS ENTRY FORM **MUST** BE COMPLETELY FILLED IN AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE ENTRY

**US EPA Region 2 2011 Caribbean Environmental Protection Art Competition**

(one entry form per piece of art work)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork TITLE : \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Theme (circle one)   Rainforest                      Karst                      Reef                      Tradewinds

Parent/Guardian Full Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, or a member of your immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt or uncle, etc.) an EPA Employee, Contractor or Grantee? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Agree To Follow the Contest Rules? \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing this entry form, you agree to waive any claims for services rendered to EPA or any agency of the federal government for preparing the artwork you submit in this contest and attest that you have read and understand the Contest Rules and Eligibility requirements.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and deliver this form with your artwork (by mail or in person) to:

**Sandra Badillo**  
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2**  
**Caribbean Environmental Protection Art Competition**  
**Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building**  
1492 Ponce Deleon Avenue, Suite 417  
San Juan, PR 00907-4127

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